

Legislative Commission on Affordable Health Care Plans for Small Businesses and Families Public Hearing Guidelines

Background

The Legislative Commission on Affordable Health Care Plans for Small Businesses and Families was created by the 2007 General Assembly and consists of legislators, members of the public representing various health care and insurance interests appointed by the Legislative Council, consumers appointed by the Governor, and state agency directors serving as ex officio members. The commission is charged to review, analyze, and make recommendations on a broad spectrum of issues relating to the affordability of health care for Iowans. The commission is directed to complete its deliberations in December 2007 and submit a final report to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2008 Legislative Session.

The Commission in sponsoring three public hearings to provide an opportunity for individuals to not only voice their concerns about the existing health care system, but also to chart the course for improving the health care system for all Iowans in the future. A synopsis of the comments from all public hearings will be presented to the Commission and to the General Assembly for consideration.

Former Governors Branstad and Vilsack have graciously agreed to co-host the public hearings in Council Bluffs (September 4), Indianola (September 26), and Bettendorf (September 27).

Guidelines

1. **Sign up.** All individuals wishing to make a presentation must sign up prior to making the presentation. Sign-up will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the respective hearing site.

2. **Time limit.** Each presentation is **limited** to a total of **three minutes**. Please be considerate of others and end your presentation on time.

3. **Focus on solutions.** Many Iowans have concerns about the health care system. Please use your presentation time to not only express your concerns, but to express your opinion of the underlying beliefs and values that should shape Iowa's health care system and your recommendations for improving the health care system.

4. **Written comments.** Written testimony may be submitted at the registration desk during the public hearing, on-line at http://www.legis.state.ia.us/scripts/survey/Health_Care_Survey.dll/, or by mail addressed to: Iowa Legislative Services Agency, State Capitol, Room G01, Des Moines, IA, 50319, Attn: Health Care Commission.